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FM AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

TO USIA WASHDC IMMEDIATE

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 4155

AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY SAIGON

SECDEF WASHDC

UNCLAS PHNOM PENH 13851

USINFO ALSO FOR VOA NEWSROOM

USINFO ALSO FOR IEA

BANGKOK FOR HEDGES

BANGKOK AND SAIGON FOR VOA CORRESPONDENTS

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CAMBODIAN SITUATIONER

1) THE CITY OF KOMPONG SPEU WAS SHELLED AGAIN BY THE ENEMY ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT, AND GOVERNMENT FORCES FOUGHT WITH AN ENEMY UNIT SOUTH OF KOMPONG SPEU ON THURSDAY.

2) FIGHTING IN THE TAKEO AREA HAS DECREASED IN THE PAST 48 HOURS, BUT THE ENEMY SHELLED THE SOUTHERN EDGE OF THE CITY EARLY THURSDAY MORNING.

3) GOVERNMENT FORCES ENGAGED IN CLEARING NATIONAL ROUTE 5 REPORTED THAT THE ENEMY USED POISONOUS GAS IN THREE ATTACKS ON WEDNESDAY. GAS WAS ALSO SAID TO HAVE BEEN USED IN AN ATTACK NEAR THE CITY OF KOMPOT.

4) A RIVER CONVOY CARRYING RUBBER FROM PLANTATIONS NEAR  
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KOMPONG CHAM ARRIVED IN PHNOM PENH ON WEDNESDAY. ENEMY FORCES

FIRE AT THE CONVOY SEVERAL TIMES, BUT NONE OF THE BOATS WAS HIT.

5) THE KHMER MINISTRY OF INFORMATION ANNOUNCED ON WEDNESDAY THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING MEASURES TO DEAL WITH INFLATION. SPECIFIC STEPS TO BE TAKEN WILL BE MADE PUBLIC LATER IN DECEMBER).

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